

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 293, Adjournment Resolution.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4173, Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3551–3563, S. Res. 575–578, and S. Con. Res. 66–67. **Page S5699**

Measures Passed:

Homebuyer Assistance and Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 5623, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the homebuyer tax credit for the purchase of a principal residence before October 1, 2010, in the case of a written binding contract entered into with respect to such principal residence before May 1, 2010, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5679**

National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 5569, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until September 30, 2010, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5679**

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 5611, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5716**

130 Years of United States-Romanian Diplomatic Relations: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 67, celebrating 130 years of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations, congratulating the Romanian people on their achievements as a great nation, and reaffirming the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania, a trusted and most valued ally. **Page S5716**

National ESIGN Day 2010: Senate agreed to S. Res. 576, expressing support for designation of June 30, 2010, as “National ESIGN Day 2010”. **Pages S5716–17**

Life of Chaplain Henry Vinton Plummer: Senate agreed to S. Res. 577, commemorating the remarkable life of patriotism, conviction, and compassion led by Chaplain Henry Vinton Plummer. **Page S5717**

Summer Food Service Program Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 578, designating June 2010 as “Summer Food Service Program Awareness Month”. **Pages S5716–17**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 293, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Pages S5717–18**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5651–79**

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4425 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5651**

Reid Amendment No. 4426 (to Amendment No. 4425), to change the enactment date. **Page S5651**

Reid motion to refer in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill

to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 4427, to provide for a study.

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Reid Amendment No. 4428 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 4427) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature.

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Reid Amendment No. 4429 (to Amendment No. 4428), of a perfecting nature.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 204), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4425 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute.

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Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 4425 (listed above).

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Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, and as further amended by Public Law 107–228, reappointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:

Dr. Don H. Argue of Washington.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Tax Convention with Malta (Treaty Doc. 111–1) (Ex. Rept. 111–3); and

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with New Zealand (Treaty Doc. 111–3) (Ex. Rept. 111–4).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 203), Gen. David H. Petraeus, U.S. Army

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Victor H. Ashe, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Walter Isaacson, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2012.

Walter Isaacson, of Louisiana, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Michael Lynton, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2012.

Susan McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

Michael P. Meehan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Dennis Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

Dana M. Perino, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2012.

S. Enders Wimbush, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Theodore Sedgwick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

S. Leslie Ireland, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

32 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—204)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 293, at 9:40 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday,

July 12, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5718.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXPANDING OUR FOOD AND FIBER SUPPLY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding our food and fiber supply through a strong United States farm policy, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Roger Johnson, National Farmers Union, and Bob Stallman, American Farm Bureau Federation, both of Washington, D.C.; Christopher Pawelski, Pawelski Farms, Goshen, New York; Laudies Dow Brantley III, England, Arkansas; Johnny Cochran, Sylvester, Georgia; and Mark Watne, Jamestown, North Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Sara Louise Faivre-Davis, of Texas, Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, and Myles J. Watts, of Montana, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration.

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine green housing for the 21st century, focusing on retrofitting the past and building an energy-efficient future, including S. 1379, to encourage energy efficiency and conservation and development of renewable energy sources for housing, commercial structures, and other buildings, and to create sustainable communities, after receiving testimony from Senator Whitehouse; Representative Perlmutter; Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; David Caldwell, Jr., Caldwell and Johnson, Inc., North Kingstown, Rhode Island; Trisha Miller, Enterprise Community Partners, Columbia, Maryland; and Kenneth Gear, Leading Builders of America, Washington, D.C.

DEEPWATER HORIZON TRAGEDY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Deepwater Horizon tragedy, focusing on holding industry accountable, after receiving testimony from Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., Colby-Sawyer College, New London, New Hampshire; Fred McCallister, Allegiance Capital Corporation, Dallas, Texas; Shelley Anderson, Midfield, Texas; and Natalie Roshto, Liberty, Mississippi.

VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3452, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, after receiving testimony from Senator Udall (NM); Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Harris Sherman, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture; Jemez Pueblo Governor Joshua Madalena, Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico; Pueblo of Santa Clara Governor Walter Dasheno, Espanola, New Mexico; Michael E. Wismer, Incorporated County of Los Alamos, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Stephen E. Henry, Valles Caldera Trust, Jemez Springs, New Mexico; and Jeremy Vesbach, New Mexico Wildlife Federation, Albuquerque.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 3516, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, with amendments.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3305, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3515, to authorize and enhance the programs of the Department of the Interior relating to the detection of, response to, and mitigation and cleanup of oil spills on Federal land managed by the Department, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1311, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;